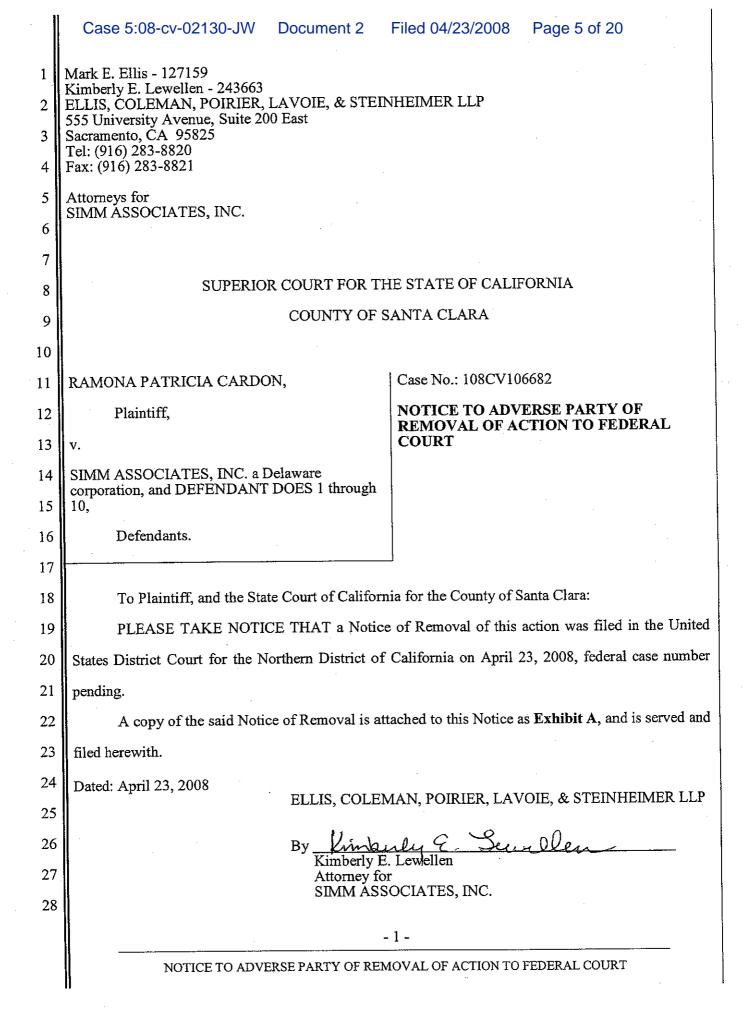
Case 5:08-cv-02130-JW Document 2 Filed 04/23/2008 1 Mark E. Ellis - 127159 Kimberly E. Lewellen - 243663 2 ELLIS, COLEMAN, POIRIER, LAVOIE, & STEINHEIMER LLP 555 University Avenue, Suite 200 East Sacramento, CA 95825 Tel: (916) 283-8820 Fax: (916) 283-8821 Attorneys for DEFENDANT E-filing SIMM ASSOCIATES, INC. 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 RAMONA PATRICIA CARDON, lara County Cas 12 Plaintiff, CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF NOTICE 13 TO ADVERSE PARTY OF REMOVAL TO FEDERAL COURT SIMM ASSOCIATES, INC. a Delaware 14 corporation, and DEFENDANT DOES 1 through 15 10, Defendants. 16 17 18 I, Alexandria M. Felix, certify and declare as follows: 19 I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action. My business address is 555 20 University Avenue, Suite 200 East, which is located in the city and county of Sacramento, California. 21 On April 23, 2008, I deposited into the U.S. mail a copy of the Notice to Adverse Party of 22 Removal to Federal Court, a copy of which is attached to this Certificate as Exhibit 1, to Plaintiff 23 RAMONA PATRICIA CARDON. 24 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. 25 DATED: April 23, 2008 26 27 exandria M. Fe 28 -1-CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES

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2	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE					
3	I, Alexandria Felix, declare:					
4	I am a citizen of the United States, am over the age of eighteen years, and am not a party to or					
5	interested in the within entitled cause. My business address is 555 University Avenue, Suite 200 East,					
6	Sacramento, CA 95825.					
7	On April 23, 2008, I served the following document(s) on the parties in the within action:					
8	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF NOTICE TO ADVERSE PARTY OF REMOVAL TO FEDERAL COURT					
9 10 11	VIA ELECTRONIC SERVICE: The above-described document(s) will be delivered electronically through the Court's ECF/PACER electronic filing system, as stipulated by all parties to constitute personal service, to the following:					
12 13	BY MAIL: I am familiar with the business practice for collection and processing of mail. The above-described document(s) will be enclosed in a sealed envelope, with first class postage thereon fully prepaid, and deposited with the United States Postal Service at Sacramento, CA on this date, addressed as follows:					
14	BY HAND: The above-described document(s) will be placed in a sealed envelope which will be hand-delivered on this same date by, addressed as follows:					
15 16	VIA FACSIMILE: The above-described document(s) was transmitted via facsimile from the fax number shown on the attached facsimile report, at the time shown on the attached facsimile report, and the attached facsimile report reported no error in transmission and was properly issued from the transmitting facsimile machine, and a copy of same was mailed, on					
17		this same date to the following: VIA OVERNIGHT SERVICE: The above-described document(s) will be delivered by				
18		overnight service, to	the following:		,	
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20	Consum	er Law Center, Inc.	4		DNA PATRICA CARDON	
21	12 South First Street, Suite 1014 San Jose, CA 95113-2404					
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23	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is					
24	a true and correct statement and that this Certificate was executed on April 23, 2008.					
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EXHIBIT 1



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1	Fair Debt Collection Practices	Act (15 U.S.C. § 1	692, et seq.). (See, Ext	nibit A: Complaint, ¶¶6, 7, 18,
. 2	23, 24, Prayer for Relief ¶¶ d-e.)			
3	4. SIMM ASSOC	IATES, INC. is the	e only named defendar	nt and submits the removal of
4	this action.			
5	Dated: April 23, 2008	TV V V V V V V V V V V V V V V V V V V		
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF ACTION

1	Fred W. Schwinn (SBN 225575) CONSUMER LAW CENTER, INC.	ENDORSED				
3	12 South First Street, Suite 1014 San Jose, California 95113-2418 Telephone Number: (408) 294-6100	2000 FEB 25 ₱ 3: 14				
.4	Facsimile Number: (408) 294-6190 Email Address: fred.schwinn@sjconsumerlaw.co	m ONTO A STATE OF THE STATE OF				
5	Attorney for Plaintiff RAMONA PATRICIA CARDON	Dr. J. State C. S. A.				
6	RAMONA PATRICIA CARDON					
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8	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA					
9	COUNTY OF SANTA CLARAS CV106682					
10	RAMONA PATRICIA CARDON,	Case No.				
11	Plaintiff,	LIMITED CIVIL CASE				
12	v.	Amount demanded does not exceed \$10,000				
13	SIMM ASSOCIATES, INC., a Delaware	COMPLAINT				
14	corporation, and DEFENDANT DOES 1 through 10,	California Civil Code § 1812.700, et seq. California Civil Code § 1788, et seq.				
15	Defendants.	Camorma Civil Code 9 1766, et seq.				
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18	Plaintiff, RAMONA PATRICIA CARDON (hereinafter "Plaintiff"), based on					
19	information and belief and investigation of counsel, except for those allegations which pertain to the					
20	named Plaintiff or her attorneys (which are alleged on personal knowledge), hereby makes the					
21	following allegations:					
22	INTRODUCTION					
23	1. This Complaint seeks to remedy Defendants' violations of the Rosenthal Fair					
24	Debt Collection Practices Act, California Civil Code § 1788, et seq. (hereinafter "RFDCPA"), which					
25	prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive and unfair practices.					
26	JURISDICTION AND VENUE					
27	2. The Court has jurisdiction of	over this action pursuant to California Civil Code				
28	§ 1788.30(f), which allows enforcement in any court of competent jurisdiction. The California -1- COMPLAINT					
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Superior Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to California Constitution Article VI, § 10, which grants the Superior Court "original jurisdiction in all cases except those given by statute to other trial courts." The statutes under which this action is brought do not grant jurisdiction on any other trial court in California.

- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over each Defendant named herein because, based on information and belief, each defendant is a corporation or association authorized to do business in California and registered with the California Secretary of State, or does sufficient business, has sufficient minimum contacts in California, is a citizen of California, or otherwise intentionally avails itself of the California market through the promotion, sale, marketing and/or distribution of goods and services in California and thereby having such other contacts with California so as to render the exercise of jurisdiction over it by the California courts consistent with traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.
- 4. Venue is proper in the Santa Clara Superior Court pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure ("C.C.P.") §§ 393 and 395.5, because one or more of the violations alleged in this Complaint arise in the County of Santa Clara.

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff, RAMONA PATRICIA CARDON, is a natural person residing in Santa Clara County. Plaintiff is a "debtor" within the meaning of Civil Code § 1788.2(h).
- 6. Defendant, SIMM ASSOCIATES, INC. (hereinafter "SIMM"), is a Delaware corporation engaged in the business of collecting debts in this state with its principal place of business located at: 800 Pencader Drive, Newark, Delaware 19702-3354. SIMM may be served as follows: Simm Associates, Inc., c/o Gregory Simendinger, 800 Pencader Drive, Newark, Delaware 19702-3354. The principal purpose of SIMM is the collection of debts using the mails and telephone, and SIMM regularly attempts to collect debts alleged to be due another. SIMM is a "debt collector" within the meaning of Civil Code § 1788.2(c). SIMM is a third-party debt collector subject to the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.
- 7. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate, governmental, or otherwise, of Defendants, DOES 1 through 10, are unknown to Plaintiff at this

time, who therefore sues said Defendants by such fictitious names. When the true names and capacities of said Defendants have been ascertained, Plaintiff will amend this Complaint accordingly. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that each Defendant designated herein as a DOE is responsible, negligently or in some other actionable manner, for the events and happenings hereinafter referred to, and caused damages thereby to the Plaintiff, as hereinafter alleged. Defendant, DOES 1-10, are, and each of them is, a "debt collector" within the meaning of Civil Code § 1788.2(c). Defendant, DOES 1-10, are, and each of them is, a third-party debt collector subject to the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.

8. At all times herein mentioned, each of the Defendants was the agent, servant, employee and/or joint venturer of his co-defendants, and each of them, and at all said times, each Defendant was acting in the full course and scope of said agency, service, employment and/or joint venture. Any reference hereafter to "Defendants" without further qualification is meant by Plaintiff to refer to each Defendant, and all of them, named above.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 9. On a date or dates unknown to Plaintiff, Plaintiff is alleged to have incurred a financial obligation, namely a consumer credit account issued by Merrick Bank, (hereinafter "the alleged debt"). The alleged debt was primarily incurred for personal, family or household purposes and is therefore a "consumer debt" as that term is defined by Cal. Civil Code § 1788.2(f).
- 10. Sometime thereafter on a date unknown to Plaintiff, the alleged debt was consigned, placed or otherwise transferred to Defendants for collection from Plaintiff.
- 11. On or about July 18, 2007, Defendants sent a collection letter to Plaintiff which was Defendants' first written notice initially addressed to Plaintiff in connection with collecting the debt.
- 12. A true and accurate copy of the July 18, 2007 collection letter from Defendants to Plaintiff is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "1," and by this reference is incorporated herein.
- The collection letter (Exhibit "1") does not include the notice required by Cal.
 Civil Code § 1812.700(a).

1	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
2	(Violation of the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Civil Code § 1788 et seq.)
3	14. Plaintiff brings the first cause of action against Defendants under the
4	California Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act ("RFDCPA"), California Civil Code §§
5	1788-1788.33 and §§ 1812.700-1812.702.
6	15. Plaintiff repeats, realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through
7	13 above.
8	16. Plaintiff is a "debtor" as that term is defined by the RFDCPA, Cal. Civil Code
9	§ 1788.2(h).
10	17. Defendant, SIMM, is a "debt collector" as that term is defined by the
11	RFDCPA, Cal. Civil Code § 1788.2(c).
12	18. Defendant, SIMM is a third-party debt collector subject to the federal Fair
13	Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.
14	19. The financial obligation allegedly owed to Merrick Bank by Plaintiff is a
15	"consumer debt" as that term is defined by the RFDCPA, Cal. Civil Code § 1788.2(f).
16	20. The collection letter (Exhibit "1") described above violates the RFDCPA. The
17	violations include, but are not limited to, the following:
18	a. Defendants failed to include the notice required by Cal. Civil Code §
19	1812.700(a) in their first written notice to Plaintiff, in violation of
20	Cal. Civil Code § 1788 et seq., as incorporated by Cal. Civil Code §
21	1812.702.
22	21. Defendants' acts as described above were done willfully and knowingly with
23	the purpose of coercing Plaintiff to pay the alleged debt, within the meaning of Cal. Civil Code §
24	1788.30(b).
25	22. As a result of Defendants' willful and knowing violations of the RFDCPA.
6	Plaintiff is entitled to an award of a statutory penalty in an amount not less than one hundred dollars
7	(\$100) nor greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), pursuant to Cal. Civil Code § 1788.30(b).
8	23. As a result of Defendants' violations of the RFDCPA, Plaintiff is entitled to
-	COMPLAINT

1	an award of statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C.§ 1692k(a)(2)(A), as incorporated by Cal. Civi				
2	Code §1788.17.				
3	24. As a result of Defendants' violations of the RFDCPA, Plaintiff is entitled to				
4	an award of her reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to Cal. Civil Code § 1788.30(c) and				
5	15 U.S.C.§ 1692k(a)(3), as incorporated by Cal. Civil Code §1788.17.				
6	25. Pursuant to Cal. Civil Code § 1788.32, the remedies provided under the				
7	RFDCPA are intended to be cumulative and in addition to any other procedures, rights or remedies				
8	that the Plaintiff may have under any other provision of law.				
9	PRAYER FOR RELIEF				
10	Plaintiff requests that this Court:				
11	a. Assume jurisdiction in this proceeding;				
12	b. Declare that Defendants' collection letter attached hereto as Exhibit "1" violates the				
13	Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Cal. Civil Code § 1788 et seq., and				
14	Cal. Civil Code § 1812.700(a).				
15	c. Award Plaintiff a statutory penalty in an amount not less than \$100 nor greater than				
16	\$1,000, pursuant to Cal. Civil Code § 1788.30(b);				
17	d. Award Plaintiff statutory damages in an amount not exceeding \$1,000, pursuant to				
18	15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A), as incorporated by Cal. Civil Code §1788.17;				
19	e. Award Plaintiff the costs of this action and reasonable attorneys fees, pursuant to Cal.				
20	Civil Code § 1788.30(c) and 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3), as incorporated by Cal. Civil				
21	Code §1788.17; and				
22	f. Award Plaintiff such other and further relief as may be just and proper.				
23					
24.	CONSUMER LAW CENTER, INC.				
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6	By: Fred W. Schwinn, Esq.				
7	Attorney for Plaintiff RAMONA PATRICIA CARDON				

Department 4121 PO Box 1259 Oaks PA 19456

SIMM ASSOCIATES, INC.

500 PENCADER DRIVE NEWARK DE 19702 (302) 283-2800 - (600) 664-6033

Account #: Balance: 2456528 \$853.87

Client: MERRICK BANK

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Detach Upper Portion And Return With Payment

July 18, 2007

CLIENT: MERRICK BANK BALANCE: \$853,87

ACCOUNT #: 4120613060020143

Dear RAMONA CARDON,

Our client is now taking the necessary steps to recover the outstanding amount of \$853.87. They have retained us to review your account and commence collection activity.

Enclose your payment in the envelope provided and make your check or money order payable to SIMM Associates, Inc. If you need to pay the above amount in monthly installments, call our office to make suitable arrangements.

This is an attempt to collect a debt by a debt collector. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume the debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing 30 days from receiving this notice, this office will: obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and mail you a copy of such judgment or verification. If you request this office in writing within 30 days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Simendinger Jeffrey S. Simendinger

Vice President (800) 864-6033 ext. 512



PLEASE: To ensure proper credit remit payment directly to our office only.

Remit to:

SIMM Associates, Inc. P.O Box 7526 Newark, DE 19714-7526

Payments can be made via credit card or bankdraft at: WWW.SIMMASSOCIATES.COM/PAYMENT.HTM

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Opt-out Notice Description: Checks received in our office may be electronically processed. This is a more secure process for our customers in that the check information cannot be seen by anyone after the payment is electronically converted. You may elect to not have your check processed electronically by checking the box provided on the front of this stub.

COLORADO RESIDENTS:

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLORADO FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, SEE www.ago.state.co.us/CADC/CADCmain.cfm.

MINNESOTA RESIDENTS:

This collection agency is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

NEW YORK CITY RESIDENTS:

New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, license number 1135923.

MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS:

Notice of important rights

You have the right to make a written or oral request that telephone calls regarding your debt not to be made to you at your place of employment. Any such oral request will be valid for only ten days unless you provide written confirmation of the request postmarked and delivered within seven days of such request. You may terminate this request by writing to the collection agency.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please call us direct, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5 pm EST, at the telephone number listed on the front of this notice. Local address: 15 Union Street, Lawrence MA 01840. Office hours are: Mon-Thurs: 8 am - 8 pm, Fri: 8 am - 5 pm, Sat: 8 am - 12 pm EST.

TENNESSEE:

This collection agency is licensed by the Collection Service Board of the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

MAINE Hours of operation:

Mon-Thurs: 8am - 10pm, Fri: 8am - 4pm, Sat: 8am - 12 pm EST.

NORTH CAROLINA:

North Carolina Department of insurance, permit number 3947.

<u> Wisconsin</u>:

This collection agency is licensed by the: Office of the Administrator of the Division of Banking, P.O.Box 7876, Madison, Wisconsin 53707

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